This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Currently Amended) In a computing device, a method for interfacing an object identifier reader to an application, comprising:

receiving object identifier data from the object identifier reader through a first communication port of the computing device, the object identifier data comprising information and formatting characters, wherein the first communication port comprises hardware which places the object identifier reader in electronic communication with the computing device;

identifying the information in the object identifier data;

identifying an application to receive the information, wherein the application is also running on the computing device;

determining that the application is not configured does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port;

determining that the application is configured expects to receive the information through a second communication port by identifying an association between the application and the second communication port; and

sending the information to the application on the computing device through the second communication port.

21-40. (Cancelled)

41.   (Currently Amended) A system for interfacing an object identifier reader to an application, comprising:

the object identifier reader; and

a computing device comprising:

a processor;

memory in electronic communication with the processor;

the application stored in the memory;

a first communication port in electronic communication with the object identifier reader, wherein the first communication port comprises hardware which places the object identifier reader in electronic communication with the computing device;

a second communication port in electronic communication with the application;

a software module stored in the memory, the software module being configured to ~~implement a method in the computing device, the method comprising~~:

~~receiving~~ receive object identifier data from the object identifier reader through the first communication port, the object identifier data comprising information and formatting characters;

~~identifying~~ identify the information in the object identifier data;

~~identifying~~ identify the application to receive the information, wherein the application is also running on the computing device;

~~determining~~ determine that the application ~~is not configured~~ does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port;

~~determining~~ determine that the application ~~is configured~~ expects to receive the information through the second communication port by identifying an association between the application and the second communication port; and

~~sending~~ send the information to the application on the computing device through the second communication port.

42-61. (Cancelled)

62.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising executable instructions for ~~storing program data, wherein the program data comprises executable instructions for implementing a method in a computing device comprising~~:

receiving object identifier data from an object identifier reader through a first communication port of the computing device, the object identifier data comprising information

and formatting characters, wherein the first communication port comprises hardware which places the object identifier reader in electronic communication with the computing device;

identifying the information in the object identifier data;

identifying an application to receive the information, wherein the application is also running on the computing device;

determining that the application ~~is not configured~~ does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port;

determining that the application ~~is configured~~ expects to receive the information through a second communication port by identifying an association between the application and the second communication port; and

sending the information to the application on the computing device through the second communication port.

63.   (Cancelled)

64.   (New) The method of claim 20, wherein determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port and determining that the application expects to receive the information through the second communication port comprise searching an application registry, and wherein the application registry comprises the association between the application and the second communication port.

65.   (New) The system of claim 41, wherein determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port and determining that the application expects to receive the information through the second communication port comprise searching an application registry, and wherein the application registry comprises the association between the application and the second communication port.

66.   (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 62, wherein determining that the application does not expect to receive the information through the first communication port and determining that the application expects to receive the information through the second

communication port comprise searching an application registry, and wherein the application registry comprises the association between the application and the second communication port.